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THANKSGIVING

Now gracious plenty rules the board,
  And in the purse is gold;
By multitudes, in glad accord,
  Thy giving is extolled.
Ah, suffer me to thank Thee, Lord,
  For what Thou dost withhold!

I thank Thee that howe'er we climb
  There yet is something higher;
That tho' through all our reach of time
  We to the stars aspire,
Still, still, beyond us burns sublime
  The pure sidereal fire!

I thank Thee for the unexplained,
  The hope that lies before,
The victory that is not gained—
  O Father, more and more
I thank Thee for the unattained—
  The good we hunger for!

I thank Thee for the voice that sings
  To inner depths of being;
For all the upward spread of wings,
  From earthly bondage freeing;
For mystery—the dream of things
  Beyond our power of seeing!

Florence Earle Coates.

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20 — 1 TIM. 3:15

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NOTICES

S. B. McCane, pastor of The Church of God at Twila, Ky., invites all neighboring churches to come and help them in their meetings. He especially requests prayer for the success of their revival.

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To those wishing to know my address for this assembly year: It will be Star Rt., Oak Grove, La.—Luther J. Corley.

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To whom it may concern or those who wish to correspond with me: My address has been changed from Barnabus, W. Va. to Wallins Creek, Ky., in care of King Coal Co.—Yours in Christ, S. B. McCane, pastor of Twila church.

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CORRECTION: In my testimony in the Evangel of Nov. 4 there was a statement that said, "We have been transferred." This should have been, "We have not been transferred." If Sisters Alice Ensimenger and Goldie Frontz see this, please write me at once, or come to see me.—Mrs. Leah Sweet, Stroud, Okla.

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My address is changed from Hobbs, N. Mex. to Box 104, Melrose, N. Mex.—Reuben H. Martin.

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To those who would like to know my present address: We are at Memphis, Tenn., 32 39th Ave. I would like to hear from the ministers in this district, and any one who would like to work in the district please write me at once at the above address. God bless you.—Jesse Danehower, district overseer of Memphis district.

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This is to notify the churches, pastors, and clerks in the state of Ohio that the Assembly has ruled that each member of the church should be assessed 40c to be applied on the General Indebtedness at Headquarters. It was decided at our ministers' meeting which convened Oct. 26-28 at Middletown, Ohio for each pastor to take this matter up with their members and collect the amount of 40c per member and send it in to the General Secretary, E. J. Boehmer, by Jan. 1st, 1934.

I also wish to call your attention to the fact that the mission offerings have been neglected by some of our churches. Please remember that each pastor will be expected to take an offering to the amount of five per cent of whatever the tithes are each month and send one-half of same to E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary, at Headquarters, and the remaining half to C. B. Huff, state treasurer, Rt. 6, Lancaster, Ohio. We must do our part and go over the top this year.—E. Haynes, overseer of Ohio.

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To the Church of God in the state of Illinois: I have been reappointed treasurer of the State Mission Board and we shall expect each church in the state to send in the monthly quota for the state mission fund. Last year only nine churches in the state sent money to this fund and only one of the nine sent in the quota regularly each month. The General Assembly requires each church to raise an amount equal to five per cent of all the tithes paid into the local church each month. One-half of this amount must be sent to Headquarters for foreign missions and one-half must be sent to the state treasury each month for home missions. As state treasurer, I am going to report to the state overseer each month and let him know how many churches are failing to send in their monthly quota for the home mission fund. Hoping to hear from each church regularly each month, I am yours very truly, J. P. Hughes, 2090 Wise St., Eldorado, Ill.

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J. B. Weeks, West Green, Ga., requests that any one having old copies of the Evangel please send them, with other tracts that you may have, to him at the above address for free distribution.

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To whom it may concern: I will say that as so many of our friends want to know our address we were to evangelize in Texas, but when we got here Brother Coats saw fit to place us at Fort Worth as pastor, so we are at work for God. We have plenty to do. I preach four times a week at church, lecture to Y. P. E., preach four times a week over radio, station BMPC here in Ft. Worth. We have a tent here, and a town of about 200,000 people. We have a fine band of Church of God people to help us so we are going in for all we can this year. Please pray for us and for this place.—A. V. Beaube, 1225 Gould Ave. N.W., Ft. Worth, Tex.

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I would like to get in touch with a girl in southeast Georgia that I corresponded with about two years ago who wanted to come and live with me as one of the family. I have forgotten her name and address. I am in a position now to have her come. I want some one who is strictly Church of God and who can trust the Lord for their healing.—Lula L. Jones, Rt. A, Box 54 B, Brooksville, Fla.

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To the Church of God everywhere: I have been kept out of the field for a good while. My husband has bad health and I could only work around home. Now I can get out. The Gospel must go. If any church needs my service let me know. It is free, only a way to get to the church and a place to stay. A free Gospel to any church. Let me hear from any place.—Eliza Kendall, evangelist, Racine, Ky.

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To all Y. P. E. presidents of the state of Alabama: I am requesting you to send in those programs you have that have proven to be successful, also others that you think will prove to be good. Be sure they are edifying. Send them to F. M. Johnson, 221 N. Almond St. West End, Birmingham, Ala. By so doing you will enable him to furnish the Endeavors of the state with a variety of programs. Be sure you state what church you are sending them from so he will know better how to distribute them. Come now and let us cooperate. Young people, we can be a blessing if we will try hard, I am sure. God's smiles will be upon us.

District pastors, by virtue of your office you are Y.P.E. district superintendent, or if you see fit you may appoint some one in your place. District superintendents, visit your churches, give them a lift. Local pastors, by virtue of your office you are superintendent of your Young People's Endeavor. All offerings taken up in the Y. P. E. meetings should be tithed and sent to Brother F. M. Johnson to address given above. He is your secretary and treasurer. I will be glad to answer any question I am able to concerning the Y.P.E. Young people, let us do our best for God.—Your servant, C. M. Smith, Y.P.E. superintendent of Alabama, 716 First St., Pratt City, Ala.

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Any one who has the song "Sitting at the Feet of Jesus," with or without the music, please send same to me. I will appreciate it very much. Thanks, and may the Lord bless you.—J. R. West, Garrett, Ky.

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To our many friends and others whom it may concern: Our address has been changed from Switchback, W. Va., to 503 Kirk St., Princeton, W. Va.—R. C. Cook, district pastor.

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To whom it may concern: I have changed my address from 11 Skipper Ave., Lancaster, S. C., to Fort Mill, S. C. I am glad to say the little work at Fort Mill is rising. We started a revival here last night and two were saved. Many sinners are under conviction. Brother C. E. McAbee is in charge. Pray much for the work here.—W. C. Lee, pastor.

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There will be an all day service with dinner on the ground at the Church of God at Highway, Grove Oak,Ala., Thanksgiving Day, which is to be a rally for the purpose of raising the General Indebtedness quota of this district. Everybody is invited to come and especially the members of this district.—Hoping to see you at this meeting, I am yours for the Church of God, Raymond Taylor, district pastor, Grove Oak, Ala.

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To my friends at all places: My address is changed from Augusta, Ga., to Lake Park, Ga., Rt. 3. — Your brother, E. B. Culpepper.

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Just a few words to let you know we have paid off the 40c per member here in Charleston, S. C. and have sent it to Brother Zeno C. Tharp, Greenville, S. C. as he is state treasurer for this fund. Pray for us here.—Your brother, J. C. Brooks, 42 Grove St., Charleston, S. C.

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My address has been changed from Tomnolen, Miss., Rt. 1, to Eupora, Miss., Box 271.— Respectfully, T. M. McClendon, overseer of Mississippi.

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THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
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In Everything Give Thanks

By S. W. LATIMER, Gen. Overseer

1 Thess. 5:18

THE origin of Thanksgiving Day has been printed in every religious paper and in most every newspaper. It is essentially a harvest feast and owes its origin to the devout people of God in Ex. 23:16. Thanksgiving is a state of giving thanks to God for the favors and mercies of the year past. The Pilgrim fathers, despite the lean harvest of the summer of 1621, decided to have a feast day and thank God for their protection. This spread over the New England states as the many Pilgrims came to this country, and somehow since those early days Thanksgiving has been kept.

In the course of the Revolution, Congress frequently recommended days of thanksgiving and prayer. After the close of this war many of the states adopted the custom of an annual day of thanksgiving. There was, however, no uniform day for holding this festival. Owing to the admirable persistence of Mrs. Sarah Josepha Hale, President Lincoln at last in 1863 appointed Thanksgiving Day Aug. 6. This was a day of prayer. Since 1864, the last Thursday in November has been proclaimed annually by the president as a day of national thanksgiving.

This United States has every year celebrated this wonderful glad feast day. Of course there could not be a day when all this nation should give thanks more than the day in which we live. I am satisfied that if our nation would turn with all their hearts to God and thank Him for His past blessings, that would go a long way to solving the problems that are before us today.

The harvest is plenteous but somehow there is a withholding from those who labor the necessities of life. The marketing of crops and the hoarding up of the gain of this world is certainly out of harmony with the Spirit of God in some way. In days of long ago God still led the people who did not thank Him and especially in the days of Joshua when Moses declared that their hearts would become unthankful and predicted that they would not reverence God as they did, still God led these people into the land of Canaan. He kept His covenant with them. They inhabited cities that they builded not and dwelt in houses filled with all good things, drank of cisterns which they digged not, and ate of trees and vineyards which they planted not, and the record shows us that they forgot God in a measure. He said thru Isaiah, "The ox knoweth his owner and the ass his master's crib, but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider." And thru Hosea He said, "She did not know that I gave her corn and oil and wine, and multiplied her silver and gold which she prepared for Baalam." The blessings that God bestowed were devoted to that beastly heathen god. What a prostitution of noble gifts. May it not be repeated in Christian lands.

But all did not bow to the knee of Baal, in contrast with the words of giving thanks unto the Lord. "Call upon his name and make known his deeds among the people. Remember his marvelous works that he hath done, his wonders and the judgments of His mouth." If men were called on to thank God for His gifts in former dispensations, how much more should we call upon Him in this dispensation when the storm clouds are gathering so thick and fast and it seems that all the world will be swept off their feet? There is only one thing left for the Christians of this world to do and that is turn to God with all their hearts.

Think of this good land which He prepared for us in ages past. He lifted up a great chain of mountains as a backbone for our continent, from which slopes the plains that produce the grain to satisfy our hunger; the mighty streams, the lakes and the fresh waters of the group to slake the thirst of man and beast; the wealth of oil and gas, coal and iron, and precious metals, all these uncounted millions of wealth seem to be hoarded up and the hand of the Giver forgotten. Men today are ignoring godly power and godly wisdom and are trying to solve all these problems themselves. They have left God out and I am afraid will realize this after it is too late.

We live in a land where the influence of the Bible is shed on every side. Every individual should feel its effect. The peace and happiness of the bulwark of our liberty, the guarantee of our future welfare, the foundation of our progress, all depend upon our adherence to this precious Book. It is thru the Bible that God makes known to us our future good. The Holy Spirit is watching over God's people. Not a hair of our heads falls to the ground without His knowledge. He has appointed the bounds of every nation. If we permit, He will preside over its councils so that we may know the meaning of that Old Testament beatitude, "Happy is that man whose God is the Lord." Still more wonderful does the Bible reveal God to us in Christ Jesus our Savior and our Lord, thru whom so many enjoy the blessing of pardon and become heirs with God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ, to an inheritance that is incorruptible, undefiled and fadeth not away.

In anticipation of this inheritance the Holy Ghost is bestowed upon us. He takes our groanings and presents them at the throne of grace. He witnesses with our spirits that we are the children of God. Thru Him we are able to bring forth the fruits of righteousness. These blessings are general, as far as God's care of His children is concerned. They may be enjoyed by all, but every one has his own peculiar blessing, some special joy or deliverance. Perhaps chief of all we should think of the help that comes to us in time of trouble and the good that we are conscious of receiving from what we thought at the time would break our hearts. Oft-times these struggles prove our greatest blessings. In the time of storm and persecution we may hear His voice, "My grace is sufficient for you." We learn how to cast our all on Him who careth for us. Some give a more prominent place to their affliction, but this is not wise. If we will only yield ourselves to the divine

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Notes from The Editor

MINUTES OF THE 28TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The Minutes have been unavoidably delayed due to installation of a new press. They will be ready for shipment this week. The price is 35c as usual. Some one seemed to think this price was a little high. Please remember that the Minutes increase in volume each year. This year they are ten pages larger than they were last year. Every minister and each local church should have one to guide them and their church concerning the affairs of the General Assembly and its rulings.

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GENERAL INDEBTEDNESS BIBLES AND PENCILS

Those who have General Indebtedness Bibles or Pencils, please rush up your sales and collections and send in money at once as it is badly needed to lift a note at this time. Also those who still owe Sanders Manufacturing Company, please take care of your account with them at the earliest possible date. We are anxious to clean up and settle up all these accounts.

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NATIONS DRIFT TOWARD SOCIALISM

The morning's paper states that Mussolini is seriously considering withdrawal from the League of Nations which is due to change in governmental affairs within the Italian government. With Japan's withdrawal, and Russia and the United States not at present a member, and Germany lately bolted, and Italy threatening withdrawal, it is particularly evident that the League of Nations is doomed. It has demonstrated its weakness by being unable to control war and almost entire Europe is dissatisfied with it. There is nothing left other than have some new form of treaty to take its place. Mussolini favors a Four-Power Pact, the purpose of which is to secure something more favorable to Italy.

SOCIALISM

With capitalism stranded in Russia and with the United States now placing industry under government control for the purpose of favoring the common people, laboring class, etc., with Italy changing to a form of guilds representing different industries, and the general pressure upon capitalism demanding that the wealth of the nations no longer be used for benefit of the selfish interest of a few, but that since it belongs to the nation it must be used for the nation itself in common, we are definitely arriving at a new form of government which is at present socialism. Democracy is fast passing. We are launching out into some unknown deep in the political world which is all preparatory to the coming of the Antichrist. We are, however, commanded that when we see these things come to pass, look up and lift up our heads for our redemption draweth nigh.

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NO MORE "HALLELUJAHS"

Following the lead of Chancellor Hitler to "Germanize Germany" the Evangelical church of Saxony will drop such expressions as "hallelujah" and "amen" from its services because they are of Hebrew origin. "Amen" will be replaced by "may God grant it" and "hallelujah" by "bless ye the Lord." If the Germans are going to cut out everything of Hebrew origin there will be little of the Scriptures left. —Capper's Weekly.

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THE APPALLING MURDER RATE IN UNITED STATE

"In the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be * * * fierce * * *" (2 Tim. 3:1, 2).

The murders committed in the United States, a so-called Christian nation, are fast becoming a stench in the nostrils of the world. The rate of murder per thousand population is appalling. When the value of human life has dropped so low, there are some reasons for the same. When the magazine covers feature pictures of gun-toters, and the movies glorify crime of every sort, it is no wonder that the present generation finds it easy to spill human blood. The South is increasingly getting into the limelight with its increase in murder as the following table of Murder Record of Twenty-eight Cities clearly shows:

The latest murder table comes from Frederick Rex, municipal reference librarian in Chicago, whose figures are reported to be compiled from official police statistics, and other statistics he regards as authentic. Mr. Rex made a survey of ninety-five cities, each having a population of more than 100,000. Elsewhere in this paper will be found Mr. Rex's table of twenty-eight of the largest cities, with the number of murders and the rate of murder per 100,000 of population in 1932.

Jacksonville leads all the rest with a rate of 43.88 and is followed in its sanguinary trail by Atlanta, Memphis, Birmingham, Tampa, and Dallas. Chicago whose crimes are bruited around the world, has a rate less than one-fourth of Jackson-

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THE MARK OF THE BEAST

After the Lord's Second Coming and the raptured saints have been caught up to meet Him in the air, what will happen to those left behind? What will the Tribulation period be like? What will happen during the reign of the Antichrist? What is meant by "The Mark of the Beast"? What will be the fate of those who refuse to bear this mark?

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Thanksgiving Day

By E. C. CLARK, Editor

INTRODUCTION

THANKSGIVING DAY as we now know it, the last Thursday in November, originated in connection with the landing of our Pilgrim fathers and their worship in America where they felt that God had led them, and where they could worship God according to the dictates of their conscience. In the year 1621 Governor Bradford issued a day of thanksgiving after the "lean harvest" of that year had been gathered in. This custom later spread to other New England colonies. During the times of the Revolution, Congress "frequently recommended days of thanksgiving and prayer." After the close of the war many of the states adopted the custom of an annual day of thanksgiving. There was however no uniformity as to the date for holding these festivals until finally Mrs. Sarah Josepha Hale, by her admirable persistence, was favored by President Lincoln in appointing Thursday, August 6, 1863 "as a day of national thanksgiving, praise, and prayer." "Since 1864 the last Thursday in November has been proclaimed annually by the president as the day of national thanksgiving. A similar day of thanksgiving is kept in Canada also, where by order of the governor-general the date is now fixed as "Monday of the week in which November 11th occurs." Other nations have likewise proclaimed days of special thanksgiving to their gods for favored conditions, and blessings attributed to them. There is, however, a "thanksgiving" that is unique, and which has its place in all Christian worship.

OCCASION FOR THANKSGIVING

Text: "That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works," Ps. 26:7. There are two particular features in thanksgiving as here mentioned, that should be noticed. They are (1) a glad heart, one for whom God has done something to occasion thanksgiving, (2) a manifestation of the "wondrous works" of God. When any of God's creatures are cognizant of God's presence and workings in their behalf, there should arise from their hearts thanksgiving for His tender care toward them. Our unthankfulness has sealed our hearts against the mercy and blessings of an omnipotent God. So mighty was His presence manifested in Israel during the days of David, that he exclaimed, "O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise unto the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with THANKSGIVING, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms," Ps. 95:1, 2. The thought and privilege of approaching unto His presence through the precious blood of Jesus Christ should occasion the spirit of THANKSGIVING and praise. Heb. 10:19. He is the rock of our salvation, and every redeemed saint has much to praise and thank God for, if the Spirit of Christ inhabits their heart.

THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

From the Apostle Paul we learn something of the usage of thanksgiving in connection with prayer. "Be careful for nothing: but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God," Phil. 4:6. The saint of God has not only a glorious privilege to thank God for past blessings, but the apostle has here coupled "thanksgiving" with the purpose of prayer. This is essentially true of an expectant faith. When God's child has prayed in faith, and has been heard, he or she has an occasion to thank God in advance for answering their prayers. Thanksgiving with prayer is suggestive of expectancy, while the petitioner may chance to wait its fulfillment. At the grave of Lazarus, Jesus began by saying, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me." From our Master we may assume that the apostle had learned by observation the manner of his prayer; and enjoins upon his followers something of a like example and nature. Thanksgiving cannot be separated from either a living faith, or the blessings of a living God. A joyful heart rebounds to the source of its joy, thanksgiving and praise. "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving," Col. 4:2. To thank God for what He has done or what you believe Him to be doing, is checking up on results obtained through faith and prayer. It is as logical as to use thanks as a method of politeness for an extended kindness.

THANKSGIVING IN THE LIVES OF OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth unto all generations." Ps. 100 4, 5. It was commanded on the part of the poet, or those who directed worship in the times of David, that THANKSGIVING be sung in the entrance of the gates, and praise in his courts. Nehemiah had "two great companies of them that gave thanks" at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem. Nehemiah 12:31-40. After Daniel was condemned by an act of conspiracy: "When Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his window being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime," Dan. 6:10. Thanksgiving acknowledges God on the part of an obedient and believing child; it equally glorifies Him in that it affords Him to act through faith in supplying the need for which the recipient is thankful. In Chron. 16:4 we have record that "David appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the ark of the Lord, and to record, and to thank and praise the Lord God of Israel." Thanksgiving is a supreme mark of acknowledgment on our part, for blessings received, either bestowed upon ourselves or others.

THANKSGIVING INSTITUTED BY OUR MASTER

In continuance of the practice of others, of both priest and prophet, Jesus, the Head of the Church, early in His ministry instituted by example and practice THANKSGIVING associated with prayer. When He fed the hungry multitudes from the loaves and fishes He "gave thanks," Mk. 8:6. When ministering at the "last supper" He took the cup and gave thanks," Mk. 14:23. He found occasion for "thanks" for divine revelation given to His humble followers, Lk. 10:21. Especially was it a custom of thanksgiving for food on the part of the Lord Himself as well as His followers. Paul is careful to tell us that after their fourteen days' fast, while enroute to Rome, he admonished his comrades to take "some meat —for their health." "And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in the presence of them and from 1 Cor. 14:17 we gather that it was customary for all Christians to give thanks for their daily bread. A day of thanksgiving or of general thanksgiving by the people is but a generic principle established among the multitudes who have been blessed by the riches of God's temporal blessings. To thank God for these enlarges our spiritual treasure and builds us up spiritually. If it be found proper by customs of our Lord and His apostles, to render thanks for food and temporal blessings, we may find opportunity to thank God for our crops, cattle, wealth and all that He has given us.

HARDSHIP AND SUFFERING

Some complain of the harships that others share and see no occasion for thanksgiving because God has not made everybody rich. We feel that God has placed an abundance within reach of all, and especially is this true if those who are more fortunately situated will "give to the poor." God has anticipated such actions on the part of those who are greatly blessed in earth's store; He has called it a loan unto the Lord. It seems that God feels responsible to care for the poor by preparing enough for all; and those who give to them, God has placed on His account as though He was indebted to them for such kindness. Prov. 19:17. It is true that some have the dark shadows of poverty to contend with, yet there is much which demands of us a day of general thanksgiving. Food was never so plentiful as it is now, even though distribution of it is poor and often unjust. Clothing

is plentiful, and there is every indication of an ample and bountiful supply so far as the part of God is concerned; if privation and hardship exists because of lack of distribution, mankind is indeed responsible for that part. Thanksgiving may therefore be indulged by all mankind; which, if coupled with a prayer of thanksgiving, would greatly assist God in distributing of earth's store. It is true that those who are made rich by earth's lovliest blessings often are the most unthankful. This was the case with the rich man mentioned in Luke 12:19. God has, however, enjoined the following command upon those who are more fortunately situated. "Go your way. Eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared." Neh. 8:9, 10.

PENALTIES AND PROMISES

"He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live," Prov. 15:27. But: "If thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as noonday." Isa. 58:10. The whole wide world revels in wealth, which a merciful Creator has given to bless and supply the needs of His creation. We will be held responsible for our relation and service rendered to each other, "for no man liveth unto himself." But "whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" 1 Jno. 3:17.

THANKSGIVING BY THE CHURCH

The sacred scriptures abound with commands, and reasons for thanksgiving. Even though we are being ringfenced with apostate teachings and backslidings, there is still much to thank God for, and especially is this true of His unchanging grace. There are still many faithful ministers today who are Spirit-filled and Spirit-led; preaching the riches of His unchanging grace. There are also many church congregations standing firm in time of storm and tempest, unmoved and unshaken, and will so remain until the very end, who if they fall will still hold the gleaming light upward like Stephen of old. We may especially thank God for these; and if nothing else, for His word of unchanging grace. We are accordingly commanded by the beloved apostle to "give thanks in all things." The saint of God, regardless of how unfortunately situated so far as this world is concerned, should be so taken up with anticipated joys and heavenly bliss that he should constantly render thanksgiving unto God for whatever may chance to further him onward to the desired haven, whether it be good or ill.

FUTURE THANKSGIVING

Born out of hardship and adversity into joy and holy conversation, the church has ever continued its thanksgiving unto God as a faithful creator; and turning to Rev. 4:9, we hear in glad strains and exclamations of heavenly origin, raptured cries of "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty." After which there follows thanksgiving unto God from the beasts or living creatures. The creature should be thankful while here on earth, and will certainly so remain after they are raptured into a fuller, grander and more sublime economy of God's eternal order. Reverence for God's holiness is the primary stage of all heavenly worship, followed close by an outburst of thanksgiving as an intermediate attendant in such worship; both of which serve as an introduction of worship to be followed by adoration and worship of the elders and all redeemed creatures. Rev. 4:9, 10; 5:8, 9. Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift.

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To the ministers and members of the Church of God in Texas: I am hereby giving notice of the date of our preachers' meeting which will convene in Ft. Worth, Dec. 1-3. We insist that all the ministers in the state be present. This means bishops, deacons, evangelists, and exhorters.

This is also the Weatherford district convention. The churches in this district are as follows: Ft. Worth, Weatherford, Dallas, Consolation, Advance and Mineral Wells. I request that the clerks and treasurers of this district be present. It is very necessary that you attend this meeting as there will be some important things discussed and I am sure it will be a benefit to you as I want our ministers of Texas to be one in doctrine, and teaching, and adhere to the teachings of the Assembly. Come! and enjoy this feast of the Lord.—J. C. Coats, overseer of Texas.

REQUESTS

Pray for me that I will get closer to the Lord each day and be obedient to Him. Pray that I will be healed. I am fully trusting God for both soul and body. —Your sister under the blood, Mrs. C. C. Ratliff, Oceano, W. Va.

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Dear saints, I have suffered with a skin disease for about six months. Part of the time I trusted the Lord and part of the time I used treatments. At present I am trusting the Lord and I have told Him I had rather die than to take the doctor's treatment again. There is a few small places that are not completely healed and I want you to pray earnestly that the Lord will completely heal me. I want to get closer to Him and trust Him as I once did for He has healed me many times. I have salvation and belong to the Church of God. Don't forget to pray for me.—Your sister in Jesus, Mrs. Enunice E. Dye, 1409 Valley St., Dayton, Ohio.

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We the Church of God at Great Falls, S. C. need your prayers that God will give us one of the greatest revivals this town has ever witnessed. We have much opposition here so pray hard. We have Sister Katie Herring and her coworker from Spartanburg, S. C. with us. Great Falls is a new field for the Church of God. —Yours for lost souls, T. V. McCormick, Box 84, Lando, S. C., pastor.

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Dear Evangel readers, please pray for us as our boy is very sick, has been sick for about two months. We don't know what it is but the doctor said it was pus around his heart, or an enlarged heart. We are told that the law is going to handle us if he dies. Anyway we intend to trust God to the end. The boy is fourteen and wants to trust God and doesn't want the treatment of a doctor, so please everybody pray. Bible School, pray a special prayer for us.—A sister in Jesus, Mrs. Stucker, Broomfield. Tex.

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Dear saints everywhere, pray for me to be healed of rheumatism, something like high blood pressure and dizzy head. I suffer much with my head. Pray for the wicked people in this community. They are so wicked and know not God. Folks, this wicked crowd right here needs your prayers. Pray for God to stay the enemy —Mrs. Ammons, Rt. 5, Ripley, Tenn.

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Please pray for me to receive the Holy Ghost. I need your prayers. — Oscar Mitchell, Dawson Springs, Ky.

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I thank the Lord today for His saving power that will cleanse from every sin and keep us rejoicing in Him each day. I thank the Lord for the Church of God in North St. Joseph. He has provided a building to worship in and has some real saints of God and a pastor who will preach the true Word of God. Please pray for the church there that they may grow in grace and have new members added. Pray that a Church of God will be set in order in Tarkio for the real Word of God is needed in that place. Don't forget to pray for me. Pray that my father and mother will always be true to the Church of God and that my unsaved loved ones and friends will seek the Lord.—Your sister in Christ, Susie Hill, Rt. 2, Tarkio, Mo.

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Please pray for my aunt, Mrs. Mina Day, that she may be healed and receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.—J. H. Ingram.

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Please pray for a little child almost four years old who has never walked, that God will heal her.—Mrs. G. C. Smith, Greensboro, N. C.

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Please join me in prayer for my husband that he will be delivered of the habit of drinking strong drinks and that God will save his soul before it is too late. Pray for me that God will grant me more patience to endure every trial and test in these last days.—One who desires to do right at all times, Mrs. J. G. Jarvis, Swanquarter, N. C.

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Dear saints, please pray a special prayer for my sister. She has a bad hand, has

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Are Sqiritual Gifts for Today

By PAUL H. WALKER

Do the scriptures teach that we should have spiritual gifts, such as gifts of healing, speaking in tongues, interpreting of tongues, and prophecy in the Church today?

This message is an answer to a sermon preached by J. C. Bailey at Comertown, Mont., June 18, 1933, on the above subject. His sermon was put in tract form. All Bible quotations are from the King James version unless other stated.

My object in this message is to clear up the minds of honest people of the false teaching with which they have been contaminated. Mr. Bailey denies that there are spiritual gifts in the church today, such as the gifts of healing, speaking in tongues, interpreting of tongues, and prophesying. I need not stand in defence of the Bible for it is well able to defend itself. God's Word will stand forever. It is forever settled in heaven, but I wish to stand in defence of honest men and women. Many no doubt have a profound interest in the above subject.

Mr. Bailey admits that he cannot successfully deny but what the gifts and signs were in the early church, but he says they are not in the church today, and furthermore they are not for the church today. He named several sects who he says claim the gifts in their entirety. He also says that these sects with these opposing dogmas can all work these things by the will of God, which is certainly contrary to scripture and to reason. It is true that there are many bodies of people who have technical differences regarding certain doctrines, but fundamentally they are practically all the same. Those bodies that claim the gifts of the Spirit, with the exception of one or two, believe in a life of conversion and holiness, separated from the world, and we claim that that is the greatest essential. I had rather be among the class of people, though they may be somewhat divided, that believe in a life of holiness, than to be mixed up with dead denominationalism. If anything was ever divided and was filled with dead men's bones, denominationalism is. I credit the various holiness movements with unification within their various organizations, especially among the ministers, but the various denominations or worldly churches are divided. When I speak of worldly churches I mean those that allow their members to attend the movies and dances, parade in pajamas, bob their hair, play cards, and suck cigarettes. Lord deliver us from mystical and spiritual Babylon and give me the faith of the early church.

Jude says, "Earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints." Jude 3. Mr. Bailey says it is not for us today, but Jude said to contend for it. We need faith that will bring results. Without faith the gifts of the Spirit are not manifested, but with faith we may see them manifested. Many of the leading men in denominationalism, especially of the Federated Church of America and the United Church of Canada, do not even believe in the divinity of Jesus, the virgin birth, His atonement, and His bodily resurrection. They do not believe in the first three chapters of Genesis nor in a definite experience of conversion. In fact, they deny all working of supernatural power. But I thank God that the same Bible that teaches the new birth teaches gifts of healing. It teaches the virgin birth as well as the gift and interpretation of tongues, prophecy, etc. This shall be our standard: "We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us: Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error." 1 John 4:6.

Beloved, I am not charging my opponent with dishonesty but it is with him like it was with the Apostle Paul before his conversion, it is hard to kick against the pricks. In order for me to preach the truth I feel that I must expose false teaching. Jesus rebuked the various religious sects and their leaders, such as the Pharisees and Sadducees, and condemned their doctrine.

We are ready to examine the scriptures that set forth and prove that these signs should be in the church today. Heb. 13:8 tells us that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever. Mr. Bailey tells us that Jesus is not in the tomb and that He is not still flesh and that He is not in the manger and that He yesterday walked upon the hills of Judea and we know that He is not doing that today, therefore, we have got to get a clearer conception. Of course we must. The purpose, plan, and love of Jesus are the same yesterday, today, and forever, and what God gave the early church there is not a scripture to prove that He ever took away from it.

This minister says that Jesus Christ may have used these signs in the early church (His crucifixion, resurrection ,and all His life's happenings, which he claims are signs) and having fulfilled their purpose saw fit to discontinue them. But how about the man at the gate called Beautiful, Acts 3:1-8? and Peter's shadow passing over sick bodies made them well, also the sign in Acts 2, speaking in tongues, Acts 10:44-48 and Acts 19:1-7. Were these not all signs? Sure. Then they were not discontinued. Let us turn to Mark 16:17-20. "And these signs shall follow them that believe: in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." Mr. Bailey says he is prepared to show us to whom Jesus referred in V. 17. He says the pronoun "them" must have an antecedent, and he says, "I ask you if there is any rule in English by which the plural "them" can have the singular "he" as its antecedent"? Of course not. "Therefore," he says, the "he" in Mark 16:16 is not the antecedent of "them" in verse 17. He says we find our plural antecedent by reading verses 14 and 15 and find it to be the apostles of Jesus.

We wish to consider this in the plain, simple light of the scripture, beginning with verse 14. "Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen." We know that these were the eleven to whom He appeared, but notice the 15th verse, "And he (Jesus) said unto them (apostles), Go ye (apostles) into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." V. 16, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Who was the "he" in this clause? It was the one that accepted the gospel from the one that was sent to preach it. "But he that believeth not shall be damned." Who is to be damned but the unbeliever? Jesus is still addressing His disciples and is about to tell them the signs that will follow them that believe in the one whom they preach. Note verse 17, "And these signs shall follow them that believe." The "them" are the ones who are made believers thru the preaching of the eleven.

If Mr. Bailey's argument was correct, Jesus would have used the word "you" instead of "them." According to his argument Jesus would be addressing His disciples in this manner: Go them into all the world and preach the gospel. Surely Mr. Bailey would not address his congregation in this manner, putting them in the third person plural. The remainder of V. 17 says, "In my name shall they cast out devils." In whose name? In the name of Jesus. Has not the name of Jesus as much power in it for us today as it had for them? or is it worth more to some than it is to others? No, He is the same.

Mr. Bailey tells us that the signs were only for the eleven and when they died the signs stopped. Let us examine this in the light of the scripture and see if any one else cast out devils and spake with tongues, etc., except the eleven. Turn to Luke 10:1-20. V. 9 says, "Heal the sick." V. 17 says, "The devils were subject unto them," also that there were seventy in the crowd instead of eleven. THEY HEALED THE SICK AND CAST OUT DEMONS. Mr. Bailey quotes Acts 19:2, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed"? Then he tries to make us believe that Paul was referring to one of the gifts of the Spirit, but Paul was referring to the baptism of the Holy Ghost, which is the giver of the gifts instead of the gift. It would be impossible to have any one of the nine gifts as referred to in 1

Cor. 12, without first receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost. It is true that the seventy healed the sick and cast out devils and did not have the Spirit baptism but Jesus endued them with special power to perform the work that He sent them to do. Luke 10:19. At this time the Holy Ghost was not yet given because Jesus was not yet ascended to His Father. So the scripture in Acts 19 refers directly to the promise of the Father as spoken in John 14:16, 17 and in Acts 2:38. (The gift of the Holy Ghost is from the Father but not one of the gifts.)

Mr. Bailey quotes Acts 8:12-14 and says that the Samaritans believed but had not received these gifts. Certainly not, because they had not yet received the Holy Ghost, yet there were many of them healed in the city of Samaria and there was great rejoicing in that city. Acts 8:6-8. He quotes Rom. 1:8-11. This 11th verse refutes his own argument for it shows that the church at Rome could have had imparted unto them a spiritual gift. The Church of God at Rome was not the eleven apostles who he says alone had the gifts. He says that no one in the early church had miraculous power except the apostles, but Paul said in 1 Cor. 14:26, that when the brethren came together they had a tongue and an interpretation, a psalm, a doctrine, and a revelation. Here we see the gifts of tongues and interpretation, two gifts manifested in the Church of God at Corinth. While it may be true that these gifts were misused nevertheless, they were in the church and were exercised by those who were not apostles. In 1 Cor. 14:1 Paul said to desire spiritual gifts. Would Paul advise a church to desire a thing that they could never receive? We let Mr. Bailey answer.

Referring to the signs again, the Apostle Paul handled a serpent yet he was not one of the eleven. Acts 28:3, "And I can prove that dozens of people who I personally know have handled them successfully in this day. It is true the Bible does not state that we should pray for the gifts but to covet or desire them and if we have the more excellent way (which is love) in our hearts, then we will be fit subjects to have the gifts manifested thru us.

Again Mr. Bailey calls the baptism of the Holy Ghost THESE GIFTS. According to his rule of English, he puts the third person of the Godhead in the plural number and calls Him gifts, when the Bible states in Acts 8:18 that thru the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given. Not one word is spoken about gifts in this entire chapter. Mr. Bailey says that Philip was able to work miracles because of the apostles laying their hands upon him as in Acts 6:6 and then Peter and John laid hands upon the converts of Philip and of course according to such an argument they would be able to work miracles and the working of miracles is one of the nine gifts as referred to in 1 Cor. 12. And again his argument springs a leak because Philip and his converts in Samaria were not the eleven whom he says alone signs and gifts could follow. Then he refers to Acts 19:6 which reads, "When Paul had laid his hands upon them the Holy Ghost came on them and they spake with tongues and prophesied." Thus we see how the Holy Spirit was given. Mr. Bailey must feel that God has changed His plan or His mind, for if God gave these good things to them in the apostolic day there is enough scripture to prove that He would give them to us today in the same manner. Remember the Lord does the giving and Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Heb. 13:5. He further says that the purpose of the gifts was to confirm the Word. If that is the case I believe the Word needs to be confirmed today. With 60,000 Protestant churches not obtaining a single convert during the year 1927, with 13,400 Protestant churches giving nothing to missions in the same year, with $38,000,000 spent in advertising four brands of cigarettes, and with the falling away in the religious realm, as we see today, proves to me that the Word of God needs to be confirmed with signs and wonders as Paul said in 1 Cor. 14:22. Tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not." So the days of signs and wonders are not over.

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GENERAL INDEBTEDNESS

For many years we have had the burden of paying the debts of the Church that were made before the property and name were turned over to the Church of God under the General Overseership of F. J. Lee. Since that time we have paid along on the debts and now we are putting on a drive and we must raise enough money to finish paying off the debts. In previous years some of our good, loyal people have responded to every proposition made, while others do not seem to take the interest they should.

At the last Assembly it was decided to prorate the debts, taking into consideration the number of churches and members in each state and turning over to the State Overseer the amount that should be collected in his state. This data will be furnished by the General Secretary at an early date. The General Indebtedness Committee, E. C. Clark, Chairman, has prorated the debts to 40c per member. This will not entirely liquidate the debts, but we will have some money coming in from the Publishing House that will make up the shortage. It will be the duty of each State Overseer to get this before his people at once and by the help of the good Lord we will be able to raise this shortly.

It was also decided by the Assembly that each state raising their amount will be released from any obligation in the future concerning this present General Indebtedness.

Looking forward to great success in this final move to lift this burden of debts so the Church may use what money may come to her for the furtherance of the gospel, I am yours very truly,

S. W. LATIMER, General Overseer.

NOTICE TO STATE OVERSEERS

I am receiving letters and messages from state overseers stating that they have so many disloyal members, and some claim to have so many churches that are not active, that they can't tell exactly how many they have in their state to collect 40c per member from for the General Indebtedness drive.

No overseer has the right to disband a church without the consent of the General Overseer and I am kindly asking each overseer not to disband any churches nor turn out a single member until after this drive is over. After the drive is over and you have collected 40c per member, it will be up to you to use your discretion as to cleaning up your work.

If you will put this before your congregation in the right way, there are many lovers of truth and visitors to your church who are not members who will pay for those who are not able to pay.

In order that nothing will be done to shirk the duty of those who are able in this drive, I am requesting that no action be taken to disband churches or disfellowship members unless it be some members who are directly transgressing the laws of God. Of course these may be dealt with. — S. W. LATIMER, General Overseer.

In Foreign Fields

GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD

J. H. INGRAM, E. W. WILLIAMS, Mission Editors

All Material for this Department should be sent to E. C. Clark, Mission Secretary.

THE GOYIM VERSUS THE SEMITES

By J. H. INGRAM

It is said of Japheth, the son of Noah, that he should be blessed of the Lord by being "enlarged;" and that he should dwell in the tents of Shem, his brother. See Gen. 9:27. Japheth's name itself denotes an extension, and from his seven sons are descended what is termed "the Goyim" (Gentile nations), also translated "heathen,"meaning a "foreigner" so far as their relationship to God is concerned. We owe a great deal to the "enlarged or extended" races when it comes to government, science, and art; as these are and have been largely Japhetic. And while it was said of Japheth that he should dwell in the tents of Shem (the progenitor of the divinely called), it did not mean that those of the secular order were to infringe upon the divine rights of God's established rule for the furtherance of His cause in the earth, as some have dared to do, even setting themselves up as prophets of God, for instance. Their followers outnumber Christians or the Semites by 500,000,000.

MOHAMMED

About the time the early church had made its lawful leap in the dark, directly after uniting with the state, the devil had one of these self-appointed prophets ready in the person of Mohammed, who approached the Jews, denouncing idolatry, and under pretnse of restoring Judaism to its patriarchal purity by combining Jewish and Christian elements, he proceeded to get out another set of writings with which to replace the Bible and for a time met with success, for with the aid of his disciples or followers, he contacted every one possible, from peasant to king, using only moral persuasion at first. As time elapsed and persecution and opposition arose, he concealed himself in a cave for a time, near his native and "holy" city of Mecca, which was the base of his operations. Finally coming out of his hiding he rallied his followers and launched a campaign of aggressiveness aimed particularly at the Jews, crushing them in an armed uprising. The only thing required in becoming a Mohammedan was to state your belief in God and Mohammed as his prophet, and to pay a certain sum as tribute. This false religion is spreading over the earth rapidly today and at this writing I have the latest report from Washington before me which gives the following of Mohammed a total membership of 209,000,000. This figure exceeds the number of Protestant Christians by 3,000,000, and Mohammedan mosques are going up right here in these United States.

I wonder if we as the Church of God are doing all we can to support the mission cause in order that God's true, called missionaries may be sent forth to the work which has been assigned to them We have a number already who are qualified and ready to go to the uttermost part of the earth, with others in training at the Bible School. Let us give and let us pray this year as never before, remembering that responsibility increases with opportunity.

THE GOLDEN TEMPLE OF JEHOL

False religionists spare neither time nor money in getting their message out to the world. For example, when the World's Fair was announced for Chicago and the nations were called upon to participate, the Lamaists, who had their religious beginning in the Buddhist faith in India, sent one of their temples which is called the Golden Pavillion of Jehol, thousands of miles across the sea from China. Every piece was cut to fit, there being 28,000 in number. It is built of wood and painted with red lacquer and gold and crowned with a double-decked roof covered with copper shingles which are overlaid with pure leaf gold. Inside a priceless collection of Chinese and Buddhist treasures are shown. Should this not inspire us to a greater effort in building missions and getting the message of the Savior out to a lost world before it is too late?

IN CONCLUSION

Your servant being one of two who were appointed as mission editors at the 28th Annual Assembly, wishes to acknowledge the appointment and to say I do not feel capable of filling the place and am not entitled to any preference, however, I will try to do my best by the help of God, and desire your prayers. I began my writing as an amateur war correspondent in 1914 and still feel like I am an amateur within this war for God.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

September, 1933

S. S. Detroit, Mich. $6.00; S. S. Hills Grove, Pa. $2.31; S. S. Parkwood, Ala. 26c; S. S. Washington, N. C. $4.65; S. S. Campaign, Tenn. $2.77; Mrs. Charles Pyle, Carrier Mills, Ill. 64c; S. S. Crumley Chapel, Ala. $1.21; Church, Carson Spring, Tenn. 41c; S. S. Lignite, N. Dak. $3.36; S. S. LaBelle, Fla. $2.37. S. S. Riviera, Fla. $2.49; S. S. Unicoi, Tenn. 62c; S. S. Columbus, Ohio, $2.00; S. S. Stafford, Fla. 57c; S. S. Joplin, Mo. 40c; S.S. Linden, Fla. 13c; S. S. Shelby, N. C. $1.74; S. S. Bogalusa, La. 79c; S. S. Langley (Bath), S. C. $1.94; S. S. Warrenville, S. C. $1.42; S. C. Trinity, Tex. 11c; S. S. Boynton, Pa. 60c; Church, Marion, Va. 10c; S. S. Marion, N. C. 91c; S. S. Anawalt, W. Va. 58c; S. S. Sumiton, Ala. $1.38; S. S. Clarks Chapel, Tex. 05c; S. S. St. Joseph, Mo. 27c; S. S. Zellwood, Fla. $1.32; S. S. Lowe, W. Va. 93c; S. S. Union Grove, Ga. $2.87; S. S. Jonesboro, Ala. $1.26; S. S. Lando, S. C. 57c; S. S. Perry, Fla. 50c; S. S. Willis Branch, W. Va. $1.75; S. S. Trafford, Ala. 86c; S. S. Friendship, Miss. $1.48; S. S. Kentwood, La. 42c; S. S. South Gastonia, N. C. 70c; S. S. Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. $1.30; S. S. Toledo, Ohio, $1.23; S. S. Forrest City, Ark. 61c; S. S. Brownfield, Tex. 75c; S. S. Weshek, N. Dak. $2.17; S. S. Lawrenceville, Ga. 15c; S. S. Dalton, Ga. 30c; S. S. Herrings Tabernacle, Ala. 28c; S. S. Kermit, W. Va. $1.41; S. S. Electra, Tex. 72c; S. S. Monroe, Va. 62c; S. S. Highspire, Pa. 99c; S. S. Port Arthur, Tex. 64c; S. S. Boaz, Ala. $1.22; S. S. Lavonia, Ga. $1.36; S. S. Walhalla, S. C. $1.16; S. S. Reading, Pa. $1.27; S. S. St. Louis, Mo. $1.90; S. S. Montgomery, Ala. $1.99; S.S. Brindleys Chapel, Tenn. 25c; S. S. Bon Air, Tenn. $2.15; S. S. McCowans Creek, Tenn. 33c; S. S. Lancaster, Ohio, $2.70; S. S. Valese, N. C. $1.99; S. S. Marked Tree, Ark. 42c; S. S. Mooresville, N. C. $2.40; Church, Hickory, N. C. 63c; Church, Key West, Fla. $1.65; S. S. Uhrichsville, Ohio, 69c; S. S. Bowling Green, Fla. 11c; S. S. Lexington, N. C. $1.00; S. S. Columbia, S. C. $6.81; S. S. Ravenna, Ky. $2.50; Church, Canton, N.C. $1.47; S. S. Metz, W. Va. 73c; S. S. Iowa Park, Tex. $1.58; S. S. Sebewa, Mich. 79c; S. S. Clyde, N. C. $2.14; Church, Hope Mill, N. C. 24c; S. S. Lanett, Ala. $2.19; S. S. Jasper, Fla. $1.59; Eliza Hill, Cincinnati, Ohio, $5.75; S. S. Thomasville, N. C. $1.72; S. S. Deerfield, Va. 07c; S.S. Phenix City, Ala. 81c; S. S. Belton, S. C. $5.10; S. S. Sharps Tabernacle, La. $1.88; S. S. Lake Worth, Fla. $1.17; S. S. Concord, N. C. 45c; S. S. Mt. Pleasant, S. C. 12c; S. S. Macon, Ga. $1.48; S. S. Lepanto, Ark. 45c; S. S. Akron, Ohio, $8.49; S. S. LaFayette, Ga. 87c; S. S. Rock Hill, S. C. $18.54; S. S. Christian, W. Va. $2.88; S. S. Hartwell, Ga. 47c; S. S. Radford, Va. 46c; S. S. Lester, W. Va. 20c; S. S. Adamsville, Ala. 65c; S. S. Alabama City, Ala. $7.89; S. S. E. Tallassee, Ala. $2.95; S. S. Artesia, N. Mex. 13c; S. S. Rocky Mount, N. C. $1.12; Church, Glad Valley, S. Dak. $1.00; S. S. Selma, N. C. $6.30; Tennessee State S. S. Convention, $26.31; S. S. Ferndale, Fla. $1.28; S. S. Hebron, N. Dak. $1.75; S. S. Evarts, Ky. 75c; S. S. Huntington, W. Va. $1.59; S. S. Somerset, Pa. 08c; S. S. Willis Point, Tex. 05c; S. S. Clinton, S. C. $1.02; Church, Belmont, N. C. $2.25; S. S. Seaford, Del. 39c; S. S. Bunker Hill, S. C. 48c; S. S. Broad Creek, N. C. 94c; S. S. Bartow, Fla. 08c; S. S. Lake Wales, Fla. $1.02; S. S. Walhalla, S. C. 40c; S. S. Catlettsburg, Ky. $2.26; S. S. Williamsburg, Pa. $1.05; S. S. Shelburn, Ind. $1.49; S. S. Claysville, Pa. $6.06; S. S. Barnabus, W. Va. $1.55; S. S. Lannius, Tex. 10c; S. S. Talladega, Ala. 53c; S. S. Eccles, W. Va. $1.70; S. S. Rougley, Mo. 69c; S. S. Bris-

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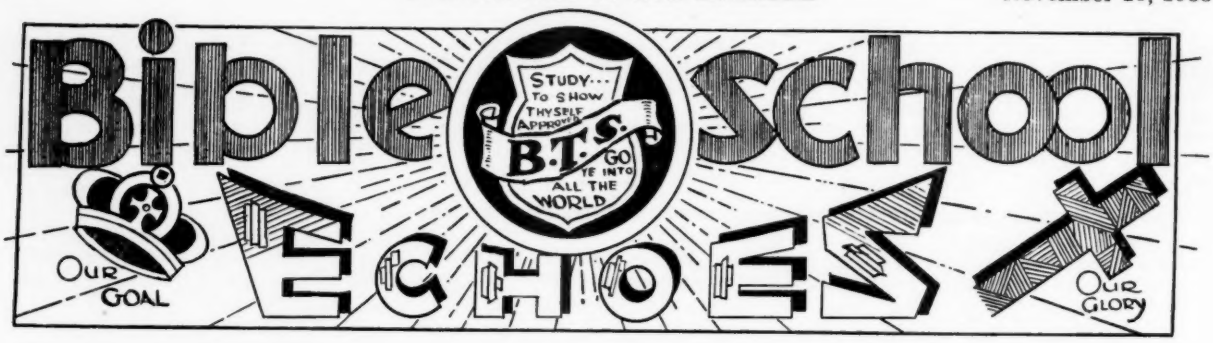

Thanksgiving In Bible School

I am thankful to God for His tender mercies to me through another year.—Leon F. Cruse, Weatherford, Tex.

We are unable to express our thankfulness for being in school this year.—Edith Moore, Cleveland, Tenn.

I am thankful to God I'm here.—Ruth Holt, Atlanta, Ga.

Thank God for the privilege of being in Bible School.—Johnny White, Fort Mill, S. C.

Praise God for a place of worship and a knowledge of His Word. That place is B. T. S.!—Bruce McClendon, S. C.

I praise the Lord for this opportunity of being in B. T. S.—George Lytle, Asheville, N. C.

I'm really glad for the privilege of attending the Music Normal this year.—Stephen Neshem, Lone Tree, N. Dak.

I thank the Lord for being in B. T. S.—Albert W. Picker, Dupree, S. Dak.

I'm thanking God for B. T. S.—Martha Holt, Atlanta, Ga.

B. T. S.—Just a line to let you know I am getting along good at school, but sorry to say I am not saved yet. Pray that I may be saved and be ready when Jesus comes.—Your friend in B. T. S., Raymond Lowe, Gasparilla, Fla.

The B. T. S. is the best place on earth.—L. T. Waters, Jacksonville, Fla.

I thank the Lord for the opportunity of being in Bible School.—Omega LaFever, Smithville, Tenn.

I thank the Lord for the privilege of being in B. T. S.—Lewis Hodges, South Dakota.

Words can't express my appreciation of Bible School.—Eva Mae Whittington, Belton, S. C.

I am thanking God that this Thanksgiving finds me in Bible School. I think we have the best school in the world. Pray for me.—J. A. Wolfe, Cleveland, Miss.

I am thankful to be here in the Music Normal this time, also glad we have teachers like Brother Walker, Brother McCoy, and the many other good teachers.—W. W. Ball, Talladega, Ala.

I surely am thankful to be in Bible School this term.—Clint Hipps, Canton, N. C.

I am glad to say I have the privilege of being in this Singing School and hope to be here another year. Brother McCoy is the teacher.—Chester Stephens, Cleveland, Tenn.

I thank God for having the grand privilege of being in Bible School this year.—A B. T. S. student, Harry Carroll, McDonald, Tenn., R.F.D. 1, Box 28.

I'm really thanking the Lord for His goodness to me and for the privilege of attending B. T. S. Please pray for me.—Omie Ricker, 201 24th St., Cleveland, Tenn.

I'm glad to be back in B. T. S.—Thelma Douglas, High Springs, Fla.

I am very thankful to my Savior in having this opportunity to attend Bible School this term. It surely is wonderful to study and work for Jesus, bless His dear name!—Carmenitta Best, Bayard, W. Va.

I indeed consider it a wonderful opportunity to attend B. T. S. and thank God for the privilege.—R. E. Lovell, B. T. S. student, South Carolina.

Come thou with us, and we will do thee good. Num. 10:29.—Paul Schiewek, N. Dakota.

I praise the Lord for the privilege of being able to attend B. T. S. again this term.—Pauline Zimmerman, Flint, Mich.

I am thankful for the privilege of being in Bible School this year.—Mary Lou Pyeatt, Jal, N. Mex.

Words cannot express my thanks to God for this privilege of attending Bible School.—Victor Nelson, North Dakota

I count it a privilege to be here in Bible School.—Alvin Kimel, Wanpeton, N. Dak

Thanksgiving Day is here again and among my many regards to this day are thanks for this privilege to be back home, in B. T. S. for third term.—Faithfully, R. C. Stafford Cleveland, Tenn.

Many expressions of thanksgiving to God for my third opportunity to attend Bible School.—Yours in His service, Mrs. R. C. Stafford, Cleveland, Tenn.

I'm glad for the privilege of being at the Bible School.—Viola Soldier, Beulah, N. Dak.

My second term in B. T. S.! It is plain to be seen the school is growing better each year.—Duel Free, Cleveland, Tenn.

I am very thankful to the dear Lord for the opportunity of attending B. T. S.—Ethel Perry, Jacksonville, Fla.

I am praising the dear Lord for the great opportunity of attending the B.T.S. this term. Please pray for me.—Elsie Ralph, Pittsburg, Kans., R.R. 5.

I'm praising the Lord for the privilege of attending B. T. S. this term. I praise Him for salvation that keeps me free from sin. Pray for me.—Margaret Rowe, Cleveland, Tenn.

I praise the Lord for the opportunity of attending B. T. S. and for the sweet presence of the Lord we can feel in school.—Elma Green, Gibson, Mont.

Bible School is a wonderful place to be.—Edwin Mortenson, Ryder, N. Dak.

I thank the Lord for the Holy Ghost and the privilege of being here in B. T. S.—Mary Powers, Ft. Myers, Fla.

Just a line to express my heart's gratitude to God for being in Bible School.—Cecil Cross, Cleveland, Tenn.

Truly I appreciate the privilege of being in Bible School this term.—Willie Mae Carroll, Cleveland, Tenn.

I thank God for the wonderful privilege of being in B. T. S. again.—James W. Walker, Rayville, La.

I am thankful for the opportunity of attending Bible School.—Orville Reum, Plaza, N. Dak.

I truly thank the Lord for making it possible for me to come to Bible School.—Kathleen Bunch, Wallins Creek, Ky.

I am thanking Jesus for this wonderful opportuity.—Glenn Givens, Electra, Tex.

I thank the Lord for being in B. T. S.—Smiley Case, Verdery, S. C.

I am surely glad for the privilege of being in school this term.—Ruby Adams, Cleveland, Tenn.

Hello Y. P. E's.! Thank the Lord. Let's go, young people! Do your best for God while we study.—Colon Dunn, Alabama City, Ala.

Divine love and aid has placed me in B. T. S.—G. G. Patton, Hartwood, Va.

God's graciousness and infinite love has again made it possible for me to attend school this year.—James A. Cross, Miami, Fla.

I want to thank and praise the dear Lord for the grand privilege of being in B. T. S.—Mrs. Solomon Scalf, Cincinnati, Ohio.

I'm praising God for the opportunity of being in Bible School.—Irene M. Davenport, Hayesville, N. C.

B. T. S. is the best place in the world to learn about God's wonderful love. Pray for me.—R. C. Hodges, Hamer, N. C.

Words cannot express how thankful I am to be in B. T. S.—J. D. Clayton, Alabama City, Ala.

I thank God for the B. T. S. which will

equip me for better service.—Pearl H. Barden, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God." B. T. S. is a great place to be.—Mrs. F. A. Madison, Sheridan, Wyo.

I certainly do thank the Lord for the privilege of being a B. T. S. student this term. I am looking forward to great blessings from the Lord.—Clyde Cooper, Weed, N. Mex.

I thank the Lord for being able to come to B. T. S.—Walter Britt Johnson, Alma, Ga.

I truly praise the Lord for the great opportunity of being in Bible School.—Anna Sundy, Bon Air, Tenn.

I am thankful to God for the long desired privilege to be in B. T. S.—Joseph Kisser, Manitoba, Can.

I am glad to say I am back here in school again. My trouble is that I can't find words to express the good things we have here. Unity is prevailing in our midst and we still have the same lovable faculty. Pray for all.—A brother from the Philippines, Aurelio Tioaquen, Key West, Fla.

Thank God, my expectation has more than doubled by God's love and power shown forth here and the faithfulness of the teachers and student body. Return our prayers.—Otis B. Maynard, Worcester, Mass.

I truly thank the Lord for being in Bible School and for His presence each day.—Willard Aaron, Leachville, Ark.

I thank God for the privilege of attending B. T. S.—Evelyn Scogin, Urbana, Ill.

I thank the Lord for the privilege of being in Bible School. I have been praying to come to school for sometime. I am glad I am serving a God who can hear and answer prayer.—Lowell McCoy, Arley, Ala.

I can't express how glad I am to be in B. T. S.—Grace Hix, Greenville, S. C.

I thank God because I'm able to attend B. T. S. this term.—Frances Liddle, Cleveland, Tenn.

How I praise the Lord of glory this morning for His manifold blessings unto the children of men! I'm so glad to be in B. T. S. this term.—Juanita Kimmel, Carlsbad, N. Mex.

Friends, we have a wonderful school. The half has never been told.—M. N. McPherson.

I thank God for the privilege to attend the wonderful Church of God Bible School.—Daisy Walker, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Thank the Lord for the manifestation of His goodness thru the Holy Spirit here in Bible School.—Katie Cooper, N. Mex.

I feel that it is a great blessing and privilege to be here.—Ivan D. Avery, Parshall, N. Dak.

From the depth of my heart there is a praise to Jesus for the privilege of being in B. T. S.—Oscar L. Spears, Louisville, Ky.

Words cannot express the gratitude that's in my heart to God for this year at B. T. S.—Cleta Mae Jennings, Asheville, N. C.

One of the best places I know of is the Church of God Bible Training School.—Elmo Jennings, Asheville, N. C.

Words are too few for the many good thoughts.—Juanita Dixon, Dunn, La.

I am glad for the opportunity of being in B. T. S. this term.—Helen Mae Holbrook, Atlanta, Ga.

Prayer is the key.—Maudelle Morse, Dunn, La.

I thank God for this opportunity of attending the B. T. S. Hello folks!—Irving Knox, Maine.

I am truly glad to be in Bible School.—E. M. Tapley, Smyrna, Ga.

I am glad to be in Bible School because God is with us.—Wilmon Smith, Largo, Fla.

B. T. S. is the place to acquire a zeal of God, but with knowledge, Rom. 10:2.—Minnie Bell Jagers, Holly Ridge, La.

I appreciate being in B. T. S. Please pray for me.—Jack Lovell, Dillon, S. C.

I am praising Him for another privilege of being in B. T. S.—William E. Raney, Birmingham, Ala.

I am very grateful to be back in school again this term.—Carl McGlothlen, Middletown, Ohio.

I praise the Lord for the opportunity of attending the B. T. S.—Dorothy Dunn, W. Gastonia, N. C.

Come to the Church of God Bible Training School. Thank the Lord, we're still here.—R. H. Klaudt, Glad Valley, S. Dak.

We wish to express our thankfulness for being in Bible School.—Mr. and Mrs. E. Perkins, Detroit, Mich.

We're glad we're here.—Sisters Lois and Eva Dixon, Gasparilla, Fla.

I am thanking the Lord for the privilege of being in Bible School.—Mrs. Addie Perkins, Macon, Ga.

I am very glad that I have the privilege of coming to Bible School.—Elaine Pagenhart, Palermo, N. Dak.

My thanksgiving is beyond expression for God's great love and being in B. T. S.—Sibyl Perry, Jacksonville, Fla.

Thank God for every B. T. S. student.—Mildred Blackwell, Missouri.

It being God's will that I attend B.T.S. this term, though it being the first, I'm truly grateful.— A. H. Boyd, Summit Point, Utah.

I am glad to be back in B. T. S.—Alice Douglas, High Springs, Fla.

I am praising the Lord for the privilege of being in B. T. S.—Vance Perkins, Macon, Ga.

I thank God for the Bible School.—James L. Beckton, Clearwater, Fla.

I certainly am glad of having the opportunity of being here in Bible School.—Daisy Lee Cawood, Cawood, Ky.

I'm thankful for the opportunity of attending B. T. S.—Velma Meares, Clearwater, Fla.

From my heart I sound a note of praise to God for the Bible School.—Dorothy Diffenderfer, Juniata, Penn.

I thank the Lord for the privilege I have of being in B. T. S.—Erma Reil, Erlanger, N. C.

I'm just too glad to be here.—Lawrence Harper, Epps, La.

I thank the Lord for the privilege of being in B. T. S.—George P. Savchenko, Makoti, N. Dak.

We are so thankful for the privilege of being in B. T. S.—Mr. and Mrs. Dorman, Zellwood, Fla.

My dreams are being made real in B. T. S.—Annie Harper, Epps, La.

I can't express the joy of being in B. T. S.—Rachel Sharp, Covington, La.

I thank the Lord for this glorious opportunity.—Horatio Mitchell, Poplarville, Miss.

I am truly grateful to the Lord for granting me the privilege of being back in B. T. S. again.—Ruby Conklin, Anawalt, W. Va.

I appreciate being in B. T. S. I know God has made it possible.—Lessie Russell, Ft. Myers, Fla.

I am truly thankful to God because I am here in training for His service.—Clarence White, Lenoir City, Tenn.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," 2 Tim. 2:15.—Dorothy L. Torgerson, Parshall, N. Dak.

I praise the Lord for His goodness, also for the privilege to attend B.T.S. again.—A. J. Gardner, Bessemer, Ala.

I am glad for the privilege of being in B. T. S. again which is my second term. It has meant much to me.—Theodore E. Dix, Grano, N. Dak.

I am truly grateful to the Lord for the privilege of being in Bible School this year. The Spirit of God is here in our midst.—Edwin Watson, Atlanta, Ga.

Just another B. T. S. student wanting to know more about Jesus.—Roxie Hugh McClure, Electra, Tex.

I'm eager to learn more about Jesus so I can tell others about Him.—Madge Carson, Pine Grove, W. Va.

I thank the Lord for the opportunity to be in Bible School this year.—Pearl Miller, Mississippi.

I am glad for the Bible School and the opportunities it affords.—Mildred Murphree, Birmingham, Ala.

I am glad I'm here and enjoying God's richest blessings.—Bessie Branson, Pompano, Fla.

God be praised that I'm here in B.T.S.—Lily Baurn, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

COMMERCIAL WORK IN B. T. S.

The commercial department is again in progress. We are glad to say that it is holding its own, but we can also say that we are making great progress. Miss Ayre said that we would complete our course this year.

There are so many subjects that we can't take them all so we have to pick out the ones that we think will be most beneficial to us in the business world.

All of the commercial students are interested in their studies. You may go to the commercial room most any time of the day and find some one "pounding" on a typewriter, or getting bookkeeping, or perhaps shorthand. We are making remarkable progress, we think, in our work. We are now learning to use all the letters on the typewriter, and the "shorthanders" are learning to diagnose letters and write them.

Now, of course, we couldn't be doing

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Sunday School Lesson

PAUL IN EPHESUS

Text: Acts 19:8-20.

Memory Verse: Acts 20:35b.

Time: A. D. 54 to 57. — Place: Ephesus.

Golden Text: Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake.—Matt. 5:10a.

Leading Thought: Faithful preaching of the gospel will bring results and ofttimes persecution.

LESSON VERSE BY VERSE

PAUL IN EPHESUS

Text: Acts 19:8-20

FACING CONFLICT WITH CHRIST

V. 8. "And he went into the synagogue." Such was his custom, clinging to His people the Jews that if possible he might bring them to the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ as their Messiah. "And spake boldly for the space of three months." It required courage and heroic disposition to preach Christ in the face of opposition from the Jews, however, Paul was a man of outstanding characteristics. "Disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God." Reasoning and persuading might be a better translation. It is logically in harmony with Isa. 1:18 and what is known to be a proper method at arriving at the truth of the Scriptures. Compare Acts 24:25; 1 Pet. 3:15.

V. 9. "But when divers were hardened, and believed not." They voluntarily shut their eyes that they might not see the light of the truth. They refused to believe. "But spake evil of that way before the multitude." They practically blasphemed the way of truth speaking evil of the gospel describing it as "blasphemy against God and against Moses as being contrary to the law and customs as well as traditions of the Jews." "He departed from them and separated the disciples." That is, he withdrew fellowship with them, as we are commanded in 1 Tim. 6:5; Eccl. 7:2; Luke 13:27. "Hitherto the converted Jews at Ephesus had continued to join their unconverted brethren in the worship of the synagogue. Now Paul withdrew them and separated them. Disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus. The inference is that Tyrannus conducted the school possibly of psychologic studies or lectures on rhetoric and that the disciples possibly used the same room for their worship. Tyrannus probably lectured in the forenoon and the Christians worshipped in the afternoon. Tyrannus was supposed to have been a Gentile.

V. 10. "And this continued by the space of two years." Paul stayed here longer than in any other city of his missionary evangelism. When God opens an effectual door we should use that opportunity to the best possible advantage. "So that all they which dwelt in Asia." Not the continent, but the Roman province of Asia is here meant; namely, Craia, Lydia and Mysia, of which Ephesus was their metropolis. "Heard the Word of the Lord Jesus." The apostles' work was not confined to Ephesus alone but to other cities of the province. It is very probable that the seven churches mentioned in the second and third chapters of Revelation was founded by him during his stay in Asia Minor. "Both Jews and Greeks." Though repulsed and driven from the synagogue by the Jews, he used every opportunity and effort to convince them concerning Jesus Christ.

SPECIAL MIRACLES

V. 11. "And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul." There is nothing so convincing that God is present with His people as when miracles, signs and wonders which are beyond the abilities of human agent are manifested thru preaching of the Gospel. Such was all New Testament ministries, Heb. 2:4.

V. 12. "So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons." Calvin says, "Paul did choose most simple things lest any superstitution might arise by reason of the price of pomp." "And diseases departed from them and evil spirits went out of them." At Philippi Saul had cast a demon out of the slave girl. Such authority was included in the commission as is here manifest. Mark 16:17.

V. 13. "Then certain of the vagabond Jews." Instead of vagabond, the commentary has it strolling, a possible reference to Jews seeking commercial advantages, like pack peddlers. Exorcists, posing as quack physicians, but adopting whatever method seemed to be fancied. Exorcists took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus. The inference is, that they dared to recite the sacred formula, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. "They heard what Paul said and treated his words as a magic charm or spell to drive the evil spirits out. Literally, 'the Jesus,' as if to identify the magic word to the demons with the addition, 'whom Paul preaches.' They thought that success turned on the correct use of the magical formula. The Ephesian mysteries included Christianity, so they supposed."—Prof. A. T. Robertson.

THE SONS OF SCEVA

V. 14. "And there were seven sons of one Sceva a Jew." The man had seven sons but commenters say that perhaps only two were engaged in this exercise. "And chief of the priests which did so." That is, Sceva was a priest over one of the twenty-four courses of priests who ministered in turns in the temple.

V. 15. "And the evil spirit answered." That is, replied to their incantations. "And said, Jesus I know and Paul I know, but who are ye?" These spirits knew that Jesus had authority to cast out devils and that this authority had been transferred to the Apostle Paul. But they question the authority of their daring purpose since they were not included in the apostolic commission.

V. 16. "And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them and overcome them "and prevailed against them." To demons are ascribed extraordinary strength, Matt. 8:28; Luke 8:26, 30. "So that they fled out of that house naked and wounded." They were neither able to cast out devils nor to withstand them.

THE TRIUMPH OF THE GOSPEL

V. 17. "And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus." Such an occurrence rapidly spread itself abroad. "And fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified." The reference here is the name as in the case of Ananias and Sapphria because of signs and wonders wrought by the apostles. It is dangerous to intrude into divine offices.

V. 18. "And many that believed came, and confessed and showed their deeds." These converts had previously been addicted to magic arts. Such arts were practiced among the Jews at this time as they were also practiced in heathen Ephesus which no doubt some who were professing Christians still continued to practice who now confessed and showed their deeds.

V. 19. "Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together. The reference is to persons who are busybodies, 1 Tim. 5:13, "one who does what is not his business to do and pries into matters with which he has no concern," 2 Thess. 3:11, applied to things superfluous and vain, things which were forbidden. These books contained magic formulas. "And burn them before all men." Seeing the error in which they were living they conducted themselves as do those who in times of powerful revivals confessed their sins, disposed of unnecessary jewelry and finery making restitutions, etc. "And they counted the price of them and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver." The piece of silver was the Greek dramacha, same as the Roman denarius, worth from fifteen to seventeen cents, the day's wage of a common laborer. Such would be equivalent with us, to fifty to one hundred thousand dollars.

V. 20. "So mightily grew the Word of God and prevailed." Not gradual acceptance not conformity of public opinion, but a growth of that which was mighty as it prevailed in battle and in conflict against the powers of darkness which it was destined to defeat.

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SPECIALS FROM THE FIELD

GREENWOOD, S. C.—We are now in a revival at the Church of God at Greenwood, S. C. The Lord is surely blessing. Two have received the Holy Ghost in our regular services. We ask every saint of God to pray that God will save many souls in this meeting.—Ben T. Sprouse, pastor, 308 Parker St.

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A two weeks' revival at Sevierville, Tenn. closed Sunday night with communion service and feet washing. It was a real old time revival with seekers at the altar slain under the power of God. Five were saved, seven sanctified, eight filled with Holy Ghost, six baptized in water and five added to the church. Some received the Holy Ghost who had been in the church for years. Truly we can say with the Psalmist David, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." We believe many others will come in later. Our Sunday School is still growing in attendance. We have twenty-five dollars subscribed on a new building in which to worship. Pray for us.—Your sister in Christ, Ollie May Hammond, 116 Joy St., Sevierville, Tenn.

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FROSTPROOF, Fla.—We, the Church of God here, have just closed a revival that had been going about eight weeks. God poured out His blessings on all. Around nine weeks ago the Lord impressed the writer on Sunday night to announce a revival, which we did. It ran until time for us to go to the Assembly. We came back and found the Spirit still prevailing and souls seeking God, so we continued in prayer and fasting. It ran two more weeks with the writer in charge doing most of the preaching. Brother Will Austin preached the first five weeks. God blessed him in giving out the Word of God. Six were saved, seven sanctified, fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost. The church was built up spiritually. Ten were added to the church and eight were baptized in water. Pray for us to have another good year here.—Loran V. Hall, pastor.

I am appointed to pastor here at Bridgeport and I am in a revival. This is the first week of the meeting and twelve have been saved, eleven sanctified and eight filled with the Holy Ghost. Last night the house was full and people were standing outside. The work has run down here some and there are only fifteen members. Pray that God will continue to bless.—Daulton M. Short, Bridgeport, Ill.

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A revival has been in progress here for the past week. God is blessing souls. Brother G. H. Goins is expected to be here Wednesday and will continue the revival. Please pray that God will bless and give the greatest revival in the history of the church here. — C. G. Carder, pastor, Clarksburg, W. Va.

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I praise God for our new pastor this year, Brother H. L. Marcum, for I truly believe he is a man of God. I truly believe our former pastor, Brother C. H. Blankenship, was also a man of God, and I felt sorry to have to give him and his wife up. Dear Evangel readers, please pray that every one in the church here will stand by Brother Marcum just like they have Brother C. H. Blankenship and that every one of us will put our shoulder to the wheel and work for God. I feel sure if we will do this Verdunville church will go over the top for God.—A brother in Christ, Allen Tomblin, Verdunville, W. Va.

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WAUCHULA, Fla.—We are glad to say we have our new pastor, Brother Cox, this year. He also pastors at Zolfo Springs. We appreciate him. We believe he is a man of God and means to stand for truth and right. The third Sunday in November we are going to begin a few days' meeting as God leads. We ask an interest in your prayers that God will work in a wonderful way. We have a few saints here who mean to live for God and be ready to go when Jesus comes or calls for us. Our Sunday School is small but we enjoy learning more about God and His great blessings to us in this life. Please pray that this will be the greatest year in the Lord we have ever had in Wauchula. Pray that God will bless Brother Cox and his good wife in His work here.—Your sister in Christ, Pauline Burnett, Rt. 2.

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WYTHEVILLE, Va.—Our pastor, Brother John Dalton, just closed a two weeks' revival in which many received blessings from the Lord. Some were saved, some sanctified, some filled with the Holy Ghost and untold blessings were bestowed upon others. Seven were buried in water baptism. The Lord's Supper and feet washing followed the closing of the revival at the evening service. Eight were added to the church. We ask richest blessings to be bestowed upon this church and for our loved ones scattered far and near. We think lots of our dear pastor and believe he is a real man of God.—C. E. Akers, clerk, 405 E. Jefferson St.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Complying with the ruling of the Assembly that "the amount of General Indebtedness be prorated or divided among the states according to the number of members in each state respectively," we advise that all members pay their 40c to the clerk and treasurer of the church where their membership is. This will give each local church the privilege of making a record and also enable them to know whether or not all members have paid their quota. It will also make it more convenient for us to keep a correct record at Headquarters as we will book the amounts sent in by states and not by individuals. We will highly appreciate it if you will comply with our request and send your quota to the clerk and treasurer of your local church and not directly to Headquarters. Thank you.—General Sec.-Treas.

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In Everything Give Thanks

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influence, these trials will prove a great blessing, give us strength of character that can come in no other way, and lead us to that happy place where we shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more. It would be impossible to mention all helps that may be derived from implicit trust in God. At least the majority of us get a sufficient understanding of divine guidance to cause us to acknowledge that it is a good thing to give thanks to God.

The Psalms that David wrote to be sung in the temple services were full of thanksgiving. How the hearts of the worshippers must have been thrilled as they sang the jubilant strains, "Blessed be the Lord, O my soul, all that is within me bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." Still more should our hearts be thrilled as we think of the blessings that God has bestowed upon us, far surpassing those enjoyed by Israel of old. Our prayers should be largely made up of thanksgiving. The Apostle says, "In everything by prayer and supplication let your requests be made known to God." "Continue in prayer and worship in the same with thanksgiving." "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

Let us cry like supplicants at the throne of grace, but let us not fail to bring the sacrifice of praise to God, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to Him who is the Giver of every good and perfect gift. The Jews expressed their thanks to God by a thank offering. The thank offering of the Jews was a lamb slain and laid upon the altar. The thank offering which we bring is far more precious than that of the Jew. The Apostle says, "I beseech you therefore by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice." Then it is a thank offering that you present your body a living sacrifice holy acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service. This means that the whole body is to be devoted to God: The head to devise plans for His honor, the heart to be aflame with holy passion, the hands to do His will, the feet to run cheerfully in the way of obedience so that no matter what we do it will be for the glory of God. This is practical thanksgiving. Again it is said, "Do good and to communicate forget not." With such sacrifices God is well pleased, so when we minister to the needy, when we visit the sick and contribute to the support of the orphans, we present an acceptable sacrifice to the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

What does this do for the individual who thus expresses his gratitude to God? It brings a blessing that can come in no other way. It means enlargement of soul. An ingrate cannot be happy. Ten lepers came to Christ. They were all healed on their way to the priest. Only one returned to give glory to God and thank Him who had cleansed him of his loathful disease. I sometimes wonder if that is not the reason those who have been healed are afflicted again. They forget to honor the Lord and continue to thank Him for their healing. We feel that a warning to the ungrateful is as necessary as urging those to continue thanking and praising God for His goodness.

When we read the history of the nations we learn how so many fell because of their ingratitude. They became vain in their reasonings, professed themselves to be wise and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into the likeness of corruptible men and birds and fourfooted beasts and creeping things, for which God gave them up in the lust of their hearts to unclean and vile passions so that they received in their hearts that recompense that was their due. We have an example of ingratitude in the fruits of Nebuchadnezzar. God gave him greatness and glory and majesty but he was unthankful. Many of the Bible characters prove positively that God's hand is not slack and that He will deal out vengeance to those who ignore His law and trample His mercy under their feet.

But what is the outcome of ungrateful lives? John says, "I saw and behold a great multitude which no man could number, out of every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, arrayed in white robes, with palms in their hands, and they cried, saying, Salvation unto God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb." This is a picture not only of the raptured saints but of the redeemed of earth in the days of the persecutions of the Antichrist.

Of all the efforts put forth to solve the problems that are confronting this nation, I fully believe they are leaving off to do the one thing needful, that is, turn to God with all their hearts. They can recognize foreign powers that have martyred and tried to stamp out the power of God but God will remember all these things and bring every man into judgment. If there has ever been a day of thanksgiving that Christians ought to observe and cry out to God to change the tide of evil and pour out on our country a spirit of repentance and thanksgiving to God, it is this day that is just in front of us. It seems that in the clamor for place and position thousands have forgotten that God is the Giver of all good and perfect gifts and every nation that ignores His divine laws has gone to destruction. It seems that the spirit of intemperance and unthankfulness is running rampant among the leaders of America and they seemingly have forgotten that God is able to solve the problems and bless and care for His people. The plan of cutting off the products of the country to increase the price in my judgment is out of harmony with the Spirit of God. The hoarding of the commodities of this country and failing to distribute to the needy their portion is out of harmony with the spirit of thanksgiving and righteousness and there is one thing sure ahead of this nation and that is the frowns of God, and unless a halt is called the masses are headed for slaughter.

It is encouraging to think that there are millions of people who still love God and are praying and deliverance is sure to come to them if to their trust they will be faithful, and that is the only hope for the lovers of truth. I believe it will take the return of our Savior in the clouds of heaven to catch away those who are ready to meet Him, to turn the tide and then of course the powers of darkness will have sway for a period of time but final redemption is sure to come. God's Word is true. Men may propose but God deposes. Many of us have been so sweetly kept in these times of hardship and suffering. I wonder if we are really as thankful to God as we should be. Oh, let us thank and praise our God for His manifold blessings to the children of men.

Thanksgiving In Bible School

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this unless we had a good, kind, patient teacher. We are fortunate enough to have just that. Miss Ayre of Cleveland is again instructing us in our endeavor to gain a knowledge of commercial work, and we think she is the best ever.—Wilmon Smith, commercial reporter.

REQUESTS

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had two operations on it and is still going to the doctor each day. She asked me to send in a request for prayer. Her name and address is Miss Lucretta Cotter, Ducktown, Tenn. She believes in divine healing. Please pray for my unsaved husband and son.—Yours prayerfully, Mrs. J. D. Hudson, Talking Rock, Ga., Rt. 3.

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My mother is saved and sanctified and wants the Holy Ghost. Dear ones, pray for her, also for me that I will obey the Lord.— Charles Lee Gibbs, Clairfield, Tenn.

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Please pray for a brother in the church, that God will move the hindering cause so he can come to service.—Charlie Poff, Roanoke, Va.

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The church at Pomroy, Ohio, requests prayer that God will move some hindering causes out of the way.

SPECIAL

McALPIN, Fla.—I praise God for sending Brother Archie Carter from Jacksonville, Fla. here to run a meeting. God surely did bless. Eleven were filled with the Holy Ghost and two were saved. Brother Carter is a God called man and lets the Holy Ghost have His way in the service.—A sister in Christ.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

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tol, Tenn. 77c; S. S. Sevierville, Tenn. 49c; S. S. Portland, Me. $1.38; Church, New Bethlehem, Pa. 36c; S. S. Jefferson City, Tenn. $1.10; S. S. Pittsburg, Mo. $1.19; S. S. Paris, Tex. 43c; S. S. Lenoir, N. C. $3.62; S. S. Easton, Md. $4.89; S. S. Markleysburg, Pa. $5.00; S. S. Greensboro, N. C. 25c; S. S. Olustee, Fla. $1.36; Church, St. Luke, Md. 33c; S. S. Baldwin Park, Calif. $3.65; S. S. Erwin, N. C. $1.26; S.S. Rocky Hill, Miss. 14c; Church, Erwin, N. C. $1.00; S. S. Sulphur Spgs., Fla. $3.23; S. S. Dayton, Ohio, $1.65; S. S. Nettleton, Ark. 06c; S. S. Shamrock, Tex. 27c; Walter L. Fike, City, $25.00; S. S. Tampa, Fla. 62c; S. S. Mt. Vernon, Ill. $2.50; S. S. Ft. Wayne, Ind. 49c; S. S. Juniata, Pa. 43c; S. S. Manns Choice, Pa. 36c; S. S. Blantons Grove, Ga. 96c; S. S. Wilmington, N. C. $5.12; S. S. Frostproof, Fla. 50c; S. S. Alachua, Fla. 22c; Ella Mae Gaines, Belfast, Me. 39c; S. S. Roswell, N. Mex. 55c; S. S. Gainesville, Fla. 36c; S. S. Turnertown, Tex. $1.49; S. S. Pontiac, Mich. $4.60; S. S. Monclo, W. Va. $1.66; S. S. Avon Park, Fla. $1.45; S. S. Millsap, Tex. 10c; S. S. Bitely,Mich. $2.95; S. S. West Buxton, Me. $1.00; Arcadia, Fla. $11.14; S. S. S. Lebanon, O., $2.50; S. S. Brighton, Mo. $3.55; S. S. Morristown, Tenn. $4.82; S. S. Canton, Ohio, $2.50; S. S. Plant City, Fla. $2.10; S. S. Jacksonville, Ala. 96c; S. S. Brooksville, Ind. $1.50; S. S. Manatee, Fla. $5.90; S. S. White House, Fla. $2.24; S. S. Elbow Lake, Minn. $2.28; S. S. Thorn, Miss. 65c; S. S. Weatherford, Tex. 57c; S. S. Gasparilla, Fla. $1.20; S. S. Cantwell, Mo. 55c; S. S. Ft. Meade, Fla. 25c, S. S. Thomasville, Ala. 15c; S. S. Equality, Ill. 50c; S. S. Anderson, S. C. $1.00; Church, Elizabethton, Tenn. $2.14; S. S. Seneca, S. C. $1.57; S. S. Coffeeville, Kans. 64c; S. S. Epworth, S. Dak. $2.67; S. S. Walbridge, Ohio, $3.84; Church, Harrisburg, Pa. $1.00; Church, Middletown, Ohio, $5.00; Church, Fitzgerald, Ga. $1.26; S.S. Rel Rio, Tenn. 85c; S.S. Talbott,Tenn. $1.00; S.S. Kimberly,Ala. $3.42; S. S. Detroit, Mich. $2.00; S. S. Boswell, Pa. $1.36; S. S. Chauncey, Ill. $1.24; S.S. Selma, Ala. 67c; S. S. Lawton, Okla. 97c; S. S. Bedico, La. 25c; Church, Trinity, Tex. 27c; S. S. Coeburn, Va. 57c; S. S. Auburndale, Fla. 05c; S. S. Arlington, Calif. $2.73; S. S. Alma, Ga. 90c; S. S. Strait Creek, Ala. $1.56; S. S. McVeigh, Ky. $6.00; S. S. W. Helena, Ark. $1.74; S. S. Ft. Mill, S. C. $1.37; Church, Smithers, W. Va. $1.00; S. S. Maud, Okla. 52c; S. S. Gastonia, N C. $2.49; S. S. Vaughns Chapel, Ga. $1.00; S. S. Draper, N. C. $2.25; S. S. W. Junction, Ohio, $2.04; S.S. Springvale, Ohio, 80c; Church, Franklin, Ohio, $1.35; S. S. Piney Grove (Double Springs), Ala. 40c; S. S. Crisfield, Md. $4.91; S. S. Barrett, Minn. 25c; W. M. Walker, Coalgood, Ky. $2.50; S.S. Shannon, Ga. $2.40; S. S. Lake City, Fla. $2.63; S. S. Charleston, S. C. $3.84; S. S. Bullard, Ind. $1.50; S. S. Eupora, Miss. $1.17; S. S. Dunlap, Tenn. $2.00; S. S. Olney, Ill. $1.30; S. S. 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Hamilton, Ohio, $13.89; Church, Stringtown, Ky. $1.00; Gertrude Carpenter, Vanceburg, Ky. $3.48; S. S. Logan, W. Va. $10.00; S. S. Turnertown (Selmon City), Tex. $1.32; S. S. Lanett, Ala. $1.76; S. S. Kelleysville, W. Va. $1.03; S. S. Collinsville, Ill. 47c; S. S. Adamsville, Ala. 64c; S. S. Rome, Ga. $1.49; S. S. McMinnville,Tenn. $5.69; S. S. Sweetwater, Tex. 35c; S. S. Buhl, Ala. $1.15; S. S. Earlsboro, Okla. $2.19; S. S. Kingsport, Tenn. $3.96; S .S. High Point, N. C. $2.37; S. S. Crown Hill, W. Va. $1.00; S. S. Thomasville, N. C. $1.81; S. S. Columbia, S. C. $3.60; S. S. Asheville, N C. $3.43; S. S. Andrews, N. C. 60c; S. S. Hendersonville, N. C. $1.16; S. S. Valdese, N. C. $2.41; S. S. Belton, S. C. $5.19; S. S. Winnsboro, S. C. $1.44; S. S. Cramerton, N. C. $4.16; S. S. Rocky Mount, N. C. $2.62; S. S. Hazlehurst, Ga. 40c; S. S. Hollywood, Ga. 26c; S. S. Sanford, N. C. $4.20; S. S. Joseph Chapel, Miss. $1.79; S. S. Concord, N. C. $1.21; S. S. Granite Falls, N. C. 55c; S. S. 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SPECIALS

MANCHESTER, N. H.—A revival is in progress in Manchester, N. H. with Brother and Sister Fred Davis, Ethel Davis, Katherine Gadey and the writer in charge. Pray earnestly that God will bless many souls. We may go to Concord, N. H. from here, which is a new field for the Church of God.—Pearl Auten.

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Sunday, Oct. 29, 1933 a meeting was conducted by Brother Charlie Blankenship and proved to be a great blessing to all who attended. The meeting opened with a good Sunday School attendance and many visitors from the various churches in the Harlan district. Every one present seemed to enjoy the talks from the different speakers. The best feature of the meeting was God's presence. While there was not very much shouting, His presence could be felt in the peace and unity which prevailed. And now my dear readers, if there is any one who is willing to work with all your might and stand for the great Church of God and her teachings, we would like for you to come and help us battle against the enemy for the sake of lost souls.—T. W. Buford, Lynch, Ky.

EDITORIALS

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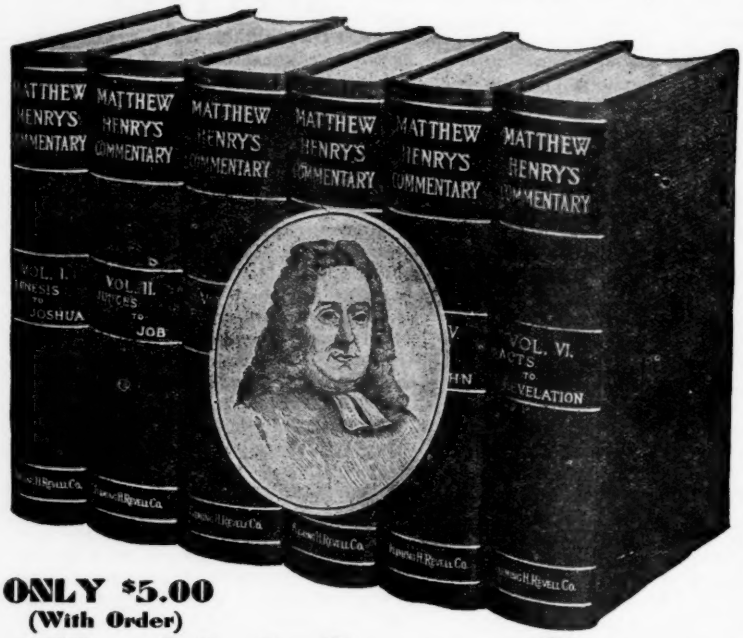

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all *men* shall be offended because of
thee, *yet* will I never be offended. 34
Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto
thee, That this night, before the cock
crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. 35
Peter said unto him, Though I should
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